



County of San Luis Obispo, California

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

October 22, 2015

Donovan Marley, Director
Piedras Blancas California Coastal National Monument Initiative
Post Office Box 4724
Paso Robles, California 93446

Dear Mr. Marley,

The San Luis Obispo County Parks and Recreation Commission supports the efforts to include the Piedras Blancas Outstanding Natural Area as part of the California Coastal National Monument. The work of both the Piedras Blancas Light Station Association (PBLSA) and the Friends of the Elephant Seal (FES) to promote the natural and cultural resource stewardship within the County has been exemplary.

The coastline proposed for inclusion is already protected and available to the public for recreation and is jointly managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and California State Parks (CSP). Inclusion as part of the California Coastal National Monument will bring a higher level of recognition to this important part of the San Luis Obispo coast.

The initiative to accomplish this is supported by a number of local governmental entities, business associations, fraternal and service organizations and environmental groups as well as over 1,000 individuals who have signed on for support.

The County Parks and Recreation Element (PRE) identifies the provision of tours, elephant seal viewing, beach access, nature appreciation, and parking as existing park and recreation resources. The PRE further supports the implementation of Joint Use Agreements and identifies the need for completion of the California Coastal Trail, the preservation of sensitive habitats, and the provision of passive recreation.

We look forward to hiking the California Coastal Trail within the Piedras Blancas portion of the California Coastal National Monument in the near future.

Sincerely,


Kenny Dahlen
Chair

cc: Nick Franco, Director, San Luis Obispo Department of Parks and Recreation